

# CLERKS GET EXTRA HOLIDAY AS RESULT OF SOUTHERN FIRE

Five Hundred Men and Women Sent Home While Temporary Offices Are Found.

From five to six hundred employees of the Southern railway are enjoying an extra Easter holiday today, as a result of the fire that swept the three upper floors of the Southern railway building at Thirteenth street and Pennsylvania avenue northwest, last night.

After a careful examination of the entire building, Fire Marshal Nicholson placed the total loss at \$119,000. He placed the damage to the building at \$85,000 and to contents at \$34,000. This is fully covered by an insurance of \$211,000 on the contents and \$300,000 on the building.

Shortly after 8 o'clock this morning, officers of the fire department and its employees began to gather in the street in front of the building, ready for the day's work. The employees, hundreds of them young girls, were at a loss as to what to do. Firemen had just left the building, and the lower floors that were not burned were drenched. Every floor was inches deep in water and the whole building was a huge shower bath of dirty water.

The throng of employees gathered in the street in front of the building was swelled by the curious, and all during the early morning hours police reserves of the first precinct were necessary to keep back the crowds that pressed around the ropes.

Temporary quarters for a number of the clerks have been obtained in the Munsey building, where the Southern railway already has permanent offices for certain departments.

After the reporting hour the more venturesome of the clerks and their employees began to go into the building to look after their desks or personal effects. Some of them were cheered as with cost collars drawn tight and trousers rolled up they dashed into the debris under foot and the torrens over head. Some of them got in by way of the fire escape. Others went through the main entrance. This stairway was still a small Niagara.

Some of the venturesome were cavaliers who went to the rescue of personal nicknacks of fair young women employees, who watched the main entrance from the sidewalk, not daring to brave the deluge in light costumes and fancy boots.

An inspection of the company by officials before the working hour made it clear that the building was untenable. A corps of laborers was put at work immediately to clear out the water and other debris.

Just how seriously the work of the company will be retarded by the fire, officials are unable to state. General Manager of Transportation Taylor said this morning that all of the telegraph wires were in operation in temporary quarters fitted up immediately in the Western Union building.

Company officials expect to have temporary quarters for the entire force before the end of the day, and they express the hope that the company's business will not be set back any more than it would by an ordinary holiday.

There are more than 100 employees, however, who work in the main building and in the general offices, whose desks may be out of commission for several days.

**Arranging Temporary Offices.**  
Arrangements are under way for temporary quarters. A number of realty operators were on the job early offering locations, ranging from office rooms to entire buildings.

During much of the morning the south side of Pennsylvania avenue was blocked by the crowd that gathered about the building. Thousands who came to work in the downtown section stopped to see the effect of the flames and to discover what others had stopped for.

Some of the employees of the company did not know that the big red building had been swept by flames until they reached the scene this morning.

**Watchman Finds Flames.**  
Fire started on the fourth floor of the structure shortly before 11 o'clock last night. It was discovered by one of the watchmen, who yelled "Fire!" from a window.

Policeman Downs, of the First precinct, heard him, and turned in an alarm. Chief Wagner and Deputy Chief Sullivan were on the scene with the first alarm, and a second, third, and fourth were sounded in rapid succession. This brought out all of the apparatus in the city proper, and the outlying companies moved to downtown quarters.

The blaze gained rapid headway and before 10:15 engine company, the first on the scene, was in action. Flames were shooting out of the fourth floor windows on the northeast corner. With sixteen engine companies and the water tower in service, it was an hour before the flames were under control.

Two firemen were slightly injured fighting the flames, and a number of persons had narrow escapes when a part of the cornice fell and the water tower toppled over. The water tower swept Pennsylvania avenue with a stream that drenched hundreds.

Pipesman J. C. Snyder, of No. 18 Engine Company, was struck on the head by part of the falling cornice and almost knocked from the ladder. He was treated for scalp wounds at Emergency Hospital. Engineer J. F. Ricks, of No. 9 Company, was burned when a cylinder head blew out of his engine.

The origin of the blaze had not been determined. It started, apparently, in the office of Vice President Culp on the fourth floor. There were eight persons in the building at the time, it is said. Three of them were telegraph operators. There were two watchmen on duty and an engineer in the basement. Two clerks were at work on the fourth floor. They smelled smoke, and when they heard yells of fire they left, one by the stairway and the other by the fire escape.

## Concerts Today

By the U. S. Marine Band at the White House at 8:30 o'clock.

WILLIAM H. SANTELMANN, Leader.

- March, "The Pathfinder of Panama"
- Overture, "Jubilee"
- Characteristic, "Rustle of Spring"
- Sending Scenes from "Algeria"
- Lincke's "Spring, Beautiful Spring"
- Herbert Waltz, "Spring, Beautiful Spring"
- Reminiscences of Tosti
- Godfrey's "I'm On My Way To Dublin"
- Bay's "Die Meistersinger"
- Prelude to "Die Meistersinger"
- Wagner's "America First"
- Sousa's "The Star-Spangled Banner"

By the U. S. Soldiers' Home Band at the Bandstand at 4 o'clock.

JOHN S. M. ZIMMERMANN, Director.

- March, "The Cradle of Liberty"
- Overture Medley, "Remicks Hills No. 1"
- Suite Italian, "Lampo"
- 1. Bolero
- 2. Gondolier
- 3. Allegro Vivo
- 4. Tarantella
- Selection, "Lady Luxur"
- Schroeder's Waltz suite, "Smiles, Then Kisses"
- Characteristic, "Bamboula"
- Anchor's (A Negro Dance of Trinidad)
- Finale, "The Sweetest Girl in Monterey"
- "The Star-Spangled Banner"

## CHILDREN ROLL EGGS IN ALEXANDRIA PARK

Shooters' Hill Used for First Time for Ancient Sport—Bar Keeper's Sentence Held Up.

ALEXANDRIA, April 24.—Hundreds of Alexandria children, accompanied by many grown-ups, gathered on Shooters' Hill, in George Washington Park, today and rolled eggs. This is the first Easter since the park came into possession of the city.

Governor Stuart has commuted the sentence of N. Walter De Allee, formerly of Washington, to one day in jail and a \$50 fine for violating the Byrd liquor law. De Allee was one of the saloonkeepers arrested at Colonial Beach and was sentenced to twenty days. The governor gave De Allee's poor health as his reason for the commutation.

The meeting of Alexandria Lodge of Elks scheduled for tonight will not take place until tomorrow night on account of today being Easter Monday.

Harry Patterson Hopkins, organist of the First Baptist Church, Baltimore, assisted by Mrs. Sara Storni Crommer, soprano, will give an organ recital at 8 o'clock tomorrow night in the Second Presbyterian Church. Miss Crommer will sing "Hear Ye, Israel," Mendelssohn; "O, For the Wings of Dove," Mendelssohn, and "Lead Me Thine Aid," Gounod.

The Rev. O. J. Randall, of Washington, preached before the Alexandria Odd-Fellows at the First Baptist Church last night in commemoration of the ninety-seventh anniversary of the founding of the order. The members of the lodge, Soroptia and Potomac, assembled in the Odd Fellows' Hall and escorted by Alexandria No. 1, under command of H. E. Webb, marched to the church.

The after Lent social season commences in Alexandria tonight with the Easter dance of the Alexandria Junior Assembly at the Elks' Auditorium. Dr. and Mrs. J. Stewart Jamieson will give a masquerade dance at the Elks' Auditorium tomorrow night and the Easter dance of the Alexandria German Club will be held Wednesday night.

The congregations of Christ and St. Paul's Churches today re-elected the vestrymen of the churches. Grace Church will be elected tonight.

Traffic policemen were placed on duty yesterday at King and Alfred and King and Washington streets in accordance with resolutions adopted by the police commissioners. Five arrests were made this morning.

Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett, president of the National Florence Crittenton Mission, who has been attending the sessions of the National Congress of Mothers in Nashville, Tenn., returned to her home here yesterday.

## Suffragists to Meet.

The Federal Suffrage Association of the United States is to meet on Thursday evening in the auditorium of the Public Library. The speakers will include Belva A. Lockwood, Kepner Hoyt, and Clara Bewick Colver. The Rev. Olympia Brown will pronounce the invocation.

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## EASTER APPEAL FOR VERDICT AGAINST D. C.

"DADDY LONG LEGS" SUSTAINED BY COURT

Saving of Homes for Needy Families Regarded as Appropriate to Holiday Spirit.

A special Easter week appeal has been sent to those Washingtonians who aspire to emulate the example of "Daddy Long Legs" and save the homes of two families.

A home is a distinctly Anglo-Saxon creation—the English language being the only one that has the word or its equivalent. And the Anglo-Saxon has made the home the inspiration of all his patriotism, wherever he may live.

Hence the matter of saving the homes of the two families—three children in each family—is regarded as particularly appropriate for Easter week because of the spiritual uplift and to the times because of the patriotic value of sentiment represented.

One of the families consists of a mother and three children. The father died suddenly last fall and the savings of the family were swept away by the funeral expenses and by the long illness of the mother which has made it impossible for her to earn enough money to keep up the home. The sum of ten dollars per week is needed for this family. The oldest child is eight years of age.

The second family consists of an invalid father and three children. It will be six months before the father can come from the hospital. The sum of eight dollars per week is needed for this family. Contributions are to be sent to The Times or the Social Service House, 921 H street.

## HYATTSTVILLE.

Preparedness will be discussed in the Town Hall at Riverdale tomorrow night. Congressmen Oscar Callaway and Clyde Tavenner will speak. Mrs. Jessie L. Lane will read Richard Le Gallienne's poem, "Women and War." Congressman Warren Worth Bailey will preside.

The mayor and common council will meet tonight. Final arrangements for the municipal election next Monday will be made.

A dance will be given at Baden Hall tonight for the benefit of the Church of Incarnation of Brandywine.

A dance will be given in St. Joseph's Hall, Bowie, tonight for the benefit of the Sunday School of the Church of the Ascension.

A dance will be given in Miller's Hall, Surratt, Friday evening for the benefit of the Surratt Athletic Club.

Miss Elaine Barton, of New Orleans, is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Guista.

Miss Asch Waters, of Gaitersburg, has been visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Dorsey.

County public schools reopen tomorrow.

## Trade Board to Act on Suffrage Plea Tonight

The Board of Trade, meeting tonight at the New Willard, will act on a report from a special committee headed by President Brandenburg, recommending suffrage for the District. There will be a series of reports from standing committees and a special report from the committee on public schools, opposing the use of the school buildings as public forums.

Swift & Company's sales of beef in Washington, D. C. for the week ending Saturday, April 22, averaged as follows: Domestic beef 12.88 cents per pound—Adv.

## LOCAL MENTION.

Sc—Always—Sc. Va. Chaplin, "The Tramp," today. Home of Charlie.

Quick service. Lincoln Cafe, 740 10th.

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## Right To Assume Safety.

"While he may not assume that the street, between crossings is as smooth and safe for pedestrians as at crossings, he certainly has a right to assume that it is reasonably safe for the use for which it is primarily intended."

Holding that "it cannot be said that she was guilty of contributory negligence merely because she attempted to cross where she did," Justice Robb affirmed the judgment of the lower court for \$7,300.

Miss Aukward was represented in the trial court and on the appeal by Attorneys Alexander Wolf and Charles H. Merrill. Assistant Corporation Counsel Roger Whiteford defended the District.

## Community Dinner-Dance Planned in Chevy Chase

A community dinner dance, to which all citizens in the territory along Connecticut avenue, between the bridge spanning Rock Creek and Chevy Chase Circle have been invited, will be given by the Connecticut Avenue Citizens' Association this evening at the New Ebbitt House.

The affair is planned to bring the residents of the community into closer social relation. Not only will there be cabaret numbers during the serving of the courses, but the guests will be permitted to dance whenever they please as the band will be playing continuously.

## Child Scalds Self.

Wilbur Smith, colored, two years old, of 604 Half street southwest, is at Emergency Hospital suffering from severe scalds. The child overturned a kettle of boiling water while playing in his home last night.

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No. 2—FRANK DANIELS in "MR. JACK INSPECTS PARIS"

10c 10 A. M. 6 P. M. 15c

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**FRANK MILLS**

No. 2—CHAS. MURRAY in "THE LOVE RIOT"

10c 10 A. M. 6 P. M. 15c

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No. 2—FRANK DANIELS in "MR. JACK INSPECTS PARIS"

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**THE MORAL FABRIC**

No. 2—CHAS. MURRAY in "THE LOVE RIOT"

## The Famous Goldberg

Cartoons are a regular feature of the daily issues of

## The Washington Times

Be sure and read tomorrow's cartoons entitled

### A Certain Man Makes Good Automobiles and Now They Want to Run Him For President

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## Kann's Daily Bulletin.

Special New Shipment of

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Styles Selling Elsewhere Up to \$3.00—Here at

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Blouses are in pretty stripes, different colors, on white ground. Tailored styles, with two-in-one collars, or turn-over collars. All sizes to 46.

Barain Table—Street Floor and Second Floor.

### Much RIBBON To Be Used Is the Rumor

For girdles, hair ribbons, hat ribbons, and other uses.

5 1/2-inch Dresden, Satin, Taffeta, and Moire Ribbons, at a yard..... **25c**

6-inch Faille Ribbon, in soft, beautiful quality, in a good variety of popular Spring colors, useful for trimming hats, for girdles, for sashes, and hair bows. Regular 48c quality. Special tomorrow. A yard..... **39c**

Kann's—Street Floor.

### English Crepes

About the biggest value in Wash Goods on sale today. A material that was brought out to sell at 25c a yard, but which we have secured to sell at, a yard,

## 12 1/2c

27 inches wide, in stripes, plaids, checks, and figured effects, and some of the smart awning stripes, included among these new patterns.

Kann's—Street Floor.

## Attention Housekeepers!

Join in the Clean-up—Paint-up Campaign

Get the New Awnings, Screens, Porch Shades, Slip Covers, Curtains, Rugs, Etc.

In Our Opening Sale Which Begins Today

Savings Average 1/4 to 1/3

### AWNINGS—Ready to Put Up

Awnings of Plain Khaki or Painted Striped Material

CHOICE OF FOUR SIZES, ALL AT THE ONE PRICE.

If custom-made, would be \$2.75 to \$3.75. Widths are 2, 3, 4, 5 ft.

**\$1.98**

Will fit windows any size between 28 to 50 inches wide. Well made, finished with 12-inch scalloped flounces, in khaki or green painted stripes on white duck grounds, mounted on steel frames; complete with ropes and fixtures, ready to put up.

**AWNINGS—Choice of 4 Sizes at 98c**

\$1.50 to \$2.25 if custom made. 28 to 50 inch widths. Made with deep 10-inch scalloped valance. Blue or brown striped material, mounted on steel frames, complete with all fixtures, ready to put up.

### PORCH CURTAINS TO MATCH

Of blue or brown striped canvas. 8 feet deep, with heavy pole in bottom seam, complete with all fixtures, ready to hang.

Widths.....	4 ft.	6 ft.	8 ft.	10 ft.	12 ft.
Prices.....	98c	\$1.49	\$1.98	\$2.49	\$2.98

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Hundreds have been waiting for them. All are about 8 feet deep, and are complete with pulleys and pole for rolling up; and are ready to hang. Very strong and durable.

8x8 Ft. Size

Sale Price

## \$1.19

1 ft. wide, AT 59c	5 ft. wide, AT 79c	6 ft. wide, AT 89c	7 ft. wide, AT 98c	10 ft. wide, AT \$1.49	12 ft. wide, AT \$1.75
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Kann's—Third Floor.

### 3 Special Offers in 5-pc. Slip Covers

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OFFER NO. 1 Special set of 5 Slip Covers in linen effects or cretonne. Allowing 25 yards material, taped or felled edges, at	OFFER NO. 2 Of new linen- cloth or cretonne. Allowing 25 yards material, taped or felled edges, at	OFFER NO. 3 Slip Covers of double width, close-woven material. Allowing 15 yards of 60-in. goods, at
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